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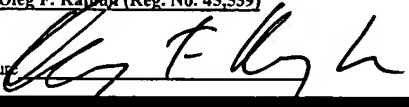
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Claim Priority:

Priority is claimed to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/156,293 filed May 24, 2002 "Full Thickness Resectioning Device". The entire disclosure of this prior application, from which a copy of the declaration, power of attorney and assignment supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby expressly incorporated by reference herein.

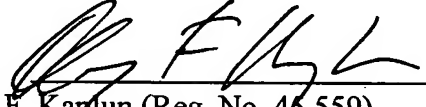
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